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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:		
Franklin Sadler LOVE et al.)	Confirmation No. 1080
Serial No. 09/783,353)	
Filed February 14, 2001)	Examiner: John C. Hong
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	Group Art Unit: 3726
THE DESCALING OF METAL)	-
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July 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

With regard to the Office Action on the above-captioned application, mailed March 9, 2004, the applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and requests reconsideration thereof in light of the remarks set forth below, beginning on page 2.

A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time, together with a check in payment of the fee therefor, accompanies this submission.

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8		
 Response to Office Action Petition for one-month extension of time Check in the amount of \$55.00 		
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ITEMS IDENTIFIED ABOVE ARE BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE.		
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